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AGENDA FOR JUNE 12 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The agenda for the June 12 City Council meeting is attached to the end of this e-news.

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BEDFORD COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

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The Bedford Community Affairs Commission is reaching its six-month anniversary as a newly established commission charged with working with residents and businesses in the City of Bedford. Its mission is to provide a forum for business owners and residents so that they can voice concerns or address opportunities that will lead to initiatives that will reinforce the city slogan "Life is Better in Bedford." The Commission is an advisory group that reports to the Mayor and City Council with recommendations that are derived from working with the residents and business owners in Bedford.

As with most new start-ups, the first few months were focused on getting organized and establishing goals and priorities. Three committees have been established: Business Development and Retention, Residential Community Support and a Communications Committee. The committee chairs are planning meetings that will begin the process of listening to the residents and business owners to determine how the City can better serve all of its constituents. As appropriate, surveys will be conducted in order to assist in planning and establishing priorities.

Business Development and Retention will be scheduling a series of business round tables to determine how Bedford

businesses and the city can work together in order to help businesses succeed and conversely, through their success provide the city with additional sales tax revenue. This committee also will work closely with Economic Development to devised strategies that will attract new business to the City.

On the residential front, Residential Community Support is updating the Home Owners Association (HOA) contact information and planning for the first meeting of HOA presidents. The Communication Committee is charged with conveying information to the residents and businesses as plans are developed. They also work closely with the Bedford Communication Director to insure clear lines of communication.

The Community Affairs Commission will be looking also for cross Commission/Committee participation with other City commissions or committees. This kind of participation can lead to new and better programs or services for the residents and businesses.

The Community Affairs Commission can be reached through the City website www.ci.bedford.tx.us or Commission Chairperson Ray Champney can be reached at 817/318-1233.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

The City of Bedford does not spray for mosquitoes. A full explanation can be found on the city's web site at

<http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/#mosquito>

DRILLING FOR GAS IN BEDFORD

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During the May 8 City Council meeting, Mr. David Buchanan gave a PowerPoint presentation for Dale Resources. He began by saying that Dale Resources is the most active urban lessor with 28,000 acres under lease in urban Tarrant County.

Then he gave an overview of the drilling process. First of all their "land men" must secure the mineral rights through leases from land owners. More on these leases in another issue. Next they will construct a 300' x 300' gravel pad. Because Dale Resources uses a closed-loop system, no mud pit is required. It will take approximately a month to set up the drilling rig, drill the well and disassemble the rig.



According to Mr. Buchanan, the drilling process is normally very noisy, but in order to drill in urban settings, Dale Resources uses sound blankets to absorb the sound.

Since the human ear cannot detect a 3 db increase in the ambient noise, the goal is to

limit the noise level increase to ambient + 5 db in the day time and ambient + 3 db at night.

Their web site reports that they are able to "maintain the pre-drilling ambient sound levels at a distance of 1,000 feet from the rig."

In the Barnett Shale area, the wells will typically be drilled straight down for about 5,000 feet. Then it will begin a gentle turn to level off at about 7,000 feet. Once level, the well can be drilled horizontally for about one mile.

Once the drilling rig is finished and removed, the well operates silently with the gas being carried away by pipeline. However, the 300' x 300' pad with its installed equipment will remain. Salt water which is a by-product of the well is separated into storage tanks. Trucks will visit the site regularly to haul away the salt water.



For more information about Dale Resources, go to

<http://www.daleresources.com/index.html> .

BARNETT SHALE EXPO

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At the May 22 City Council meeting, Councilman Orean reported on the Barnett Shale Expo he attended May 16 at the Tarrant County Convention Center. He said it was a presentation of the Chamber of Commerce and a number of companies that are in the business of developing gas and oil resources.

Mr. Orean reported that, according to an economic study, in 10 years, the Barnett Shale will represent \$5 billion dollars per year in economic activity and 100,000 jobs. He went on to say that the life expectancy of the resource is between 30 and 80 years.

For a quarter-acre residential lot, this could represent an annual income of \$1,700.

He cautioned that we must be aware of the impact on our streets and the increased noise while drilling is in progress. Mr. Orean encouraged the Council to become involved quickly in this process.

Mr. Whistler then told of some problems the city of Granbury had with drillers, apparently due to the city's no-drilling ordinance.

Mr. Orean pointed out that more information is available at

<http://www.barnettshaleexpo.com/> .

There are two presentations on that web site. One is entitled *Pipelines 101* and the other *Mineral Rights 101*. Both will be reviewed next week here in *The Bedford Citizen*.

LIBRARY COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP

The Bedford Public Library Advisory Board invites you to participate in a Community Focus Group for the library Tuesday, June 19, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Help us identify the Bedford Public Library's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and obstacles to progress. Activities for school-aged children will be available in the Bonnie Finn Room to allow parents to participate in the Community Focus Group.

PARKS AND RECREATION

According to James Hughes, Bedford Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, City Staff and TXU representatives will walk the Bedford Trails Linear Park sometime this month to see that all construction debris has been removed.

The 32-acre linear park, which follows the TXU easement in Northeast Bedford, has a 1½ mile jogging and walking trail, new playground equipment, shaded areas and a playground designed for people with physical challenges.

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4TH FEST INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Join the City of Bedford Wednesday, July 4, for a good old-fashioned, flag-waving Independence Day Celebration! 4thFEST is a full day of family fun that includes a free concert by King Creole, children's activities, the new InFlataFun area (requires individual tickets or a \$15 wristband for all the rides), festival-style culinary delights and, of course, the spectacular fireworks extravaganza when the sun goes down. For more information go to <http://www.ci.bedford.tx.us/Departments/tourism/fourfest.htm> .

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The mission of this electronic newspaper (e-news) is to increase citizen awareness of current events and thereby increase their involvement in our government's decision-making process. As a result, *The Bedford Citizen* will focus on providing Bedford's residents with the information they need in order to cast an informed vote. We also will include some helpful and entertaining information occasionally.

The Bedford Citizen is currently a volunteer effort which we expect to be circulated from friend to friend via email in its PDF format.

If you find it helpful and informative, please help us grow by passing it along to others.

During this introductory period, the subscriptions are free. This will allow us to gauge the demand and work out the bugs. Eventually, we plan to charge a fee for subscriptions. This will allow us to avoid the conflicts of interest that can arise from accepting paid advertising.

Even though all of the news could be easily covered in a large weekly issue, we have chosen to publish an issue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, thereby providing the news in a more easily managed flow for our readers. During this trial period, the schedule is subject to volunteer availability and the amount of news to report.

To subscribe, please send us an email at Be.A.Citizen@earthlink.net and include your name, address and email address.

The Bedford Citizen welcomes free of charge:

- ◆ News articles from any volunteer writers, provided we judge the articles are relevant to our readers and the facts can be substantiated
- ◆ Position papers from political incumbents and candidates provided these position papers clearly state that person's position and they do not attack any other party

Our policies are as follows:

- ◆ Paid advertising is not accepted.
- ◆ Except when identified as editorials, letters to the editor or opinion pieces, stories will contain only facts that can be verified. Writers should

expect to be asked to provide documentation before articles are published.

- ◆ All submitted articles must deal with issues relevant to Bedford's residents and not exceed two pages, as published in this format.
- ◆ Only one letter to the editor or opinion piece will be accepted from a single household during any 30-day period.
- ◆ Public service announcements will be included as space allows.
- ◆ The staff of the Bedford Citizen will be the final judge.
- ◆ Submissions must be received at least 72 hours prior to publication.
- ◆ Submissions should be sent to Be.A.Citizen@earthlink.net and must include the author's name, address, email address and phone number.

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Regular Meeting of the Bedford City Council
Tuesday, June 12, 2007
2000 Forest Ridge Drive
Council Chambers



Work Session 6:00 P.M.
Regular Session 7:00 P.M.



WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.

- Review and discuss items on the regular agenda and consider placing items for approval by consent.
- An update on the Trinity River Authority Tarrant County Water Supply Project.
- Staff's status on red light camera program. ***Item requested by Councilman Whistler
- A report providing a comparison of the total number of Bedford police citations issued for moving traffic violations for the months of Feb, Mar and April 2007 in comparison to Euless and Hurst. ***Item requested by Councilman Whistler
- Status report on the Zoning and Planning committee position on a proposed SUP for parking unowned recreational vehicles, trailers and boats on residential property. ***Item requested by Councilman Whistler
- Review of Bedford gas drilling ordinance and review of what other cities have put in place for controlled use of surface impact. ***Item requested by Councilman Whistler
- Discuss any ordinances that either grant, restrict or prohibit windmills used for "green power" on residential property in Bedford for possible modification. ***Item requested by Councilman Whistler
- Discuss whether or not Bedford should for the benefit of our citizens and economic development consider setting up a Wi-Fi mesh network. ***Item requested by Councilman Whistler
- Discuss installing a speed bump on the hill that Overhill Street sits on. ***Item requested by Councilman Whistler

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- To convene before 7:00 p.m., if time permits, in the conference room pursuant to Section 551.071, Section 551.087 and Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the following:
 - a) Litigation regarding Sterling Falls Apartment complex.
 - b) Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations.
 - c) City Manager performance criteria including any input relative to current performance and action if deemed necessary to modify current performance. ***Item requested by Councilman Whistler

REGULAR SESSION 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER/GENERAL COMMENTS

INVOCATION (Pastor Bayard Pratt, W.C. Martin Methodist Church)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ITEMS BY CONSENT

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

1. Short Story Contest Winner Recognition.
2. Employee Recognition

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

3. Consider approval of the following City Council minutes:
 - a) May 22, 2007 regular meeting

OLD BUSINESS

4. Consider a resolution approving the City of Bedford's Military Leave policy to include supplemental pay between an employee's military pay and the salary that the City pays that employee along with a modification to state that all employees returning from Military Leave will be required to submit to a Fit for Duty physical before returning to work with the City of Bedford.
5. Council review of the Bedford Library Request for Proposal. ***Item requested by Councilman Orea

NEW BUSINESS

6. Public hearing and consider first reading of a proposed ordinance (Zoning Case Z-165, request of Todd Bradbury for Miracle Dent to rezone Lot 1R, Block 1, Stonegate Addition from Heavy Commercial to Heavy Commercial/Specific Use Permit/ Automotive Repair. The property is generally located north of Airport Freeway/SH183 and east of Brown Trail.
7. Consider proposed ordinance revisions allowing for the permitting of prohibited animals for the purpose of a temporary educational exhibit or display.
8. Consider a resolution appointing directors and a registered agent to the Bedford Industrial Development Authority.
9. Consider a resolution appointing directors and a registered agent to the Bedford Health Facilities Development Corporation.
10. Consider a resolution adopting the City of Bedford's Competitive Sourcing Policy. ***Item requested by Councilwoman Nail
11. Council discussion and possible action regarding the City Council members procedures and rules. ***Item requested by Councilwoman Nail

12. Consider allowing the new publication, "The Bedford Citizen", to be added to the Bedford city web site for viewing by the Bedford residents if the publishers wish to utilize this distribution channel. ***Item requested by Councilman Whistler
13. Council member reports on City business.
14. City Manager's report.
15. Follow-up on issues raised at previous Council Meetings under persons to be heard.
16. Take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.
(Any item on this posted agenda may be discussed in executive session provided it is within one of the permitted categories under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.)

OPEN FORUM

(The public is invited to address the Council on any topic at this time. However, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council cannot discuss issues raised or make any decisions at this time. Issues raised may be referred to City staff for research and possible future action.)

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the outside window in a display cabinet at the City Hall of the City of Bedford, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted by the following date and time: Friday, June 8, 2007 at 5:00 p.m., and remained so posted at least 72 hours before said meeting convened.

Shanae Jennings, City Secretary

Date Notice Removed

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